

# Calverley Old Hall

**Right:** One wall of the Painted Chamber, showing a snapshot of the 16th-century wall paintings during gentle cleaning and conservation.

**Below right:** Building archaeologists worked with the team throughout the project, shown here discussing repairs to the timber roof structure.



## Saving Calverley Old Hall from dereliction

The Landmark Trust is one of Britain's leading building conservation charities, saving at-risk historic buildings and sensitively restoring them into welcoming holiday accommodation for all. Calverley Old Hall had been in a poor state of repair for a number of years, after previous difficulties with finding the right use for the site.

Thanks to £1.75m from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, a Culture Recovery Fund grant, and many other generous donations, the Landmark Trust was able to begin a complex repair and conversion project. The dilapidated building was transformed into a holiday let for 10 people, a self-contained residential flat and hireable community room, opened in October 2024. Now anyone can book a stay in this wonderful building, or visit us on one of our regular public open days throughout the year.



The 14th century Solar Block in 2016.

## Choosing an approach for repair and conversion

Given the amount of change to the building during its lifetime, the Landmark Trust wanted to respect the Old Hall's many lives in converting it back into use. The chosen scheme of re-use respects the history of the building, whilst also giving a contemporary feel in its design. The project provided lots of challenges and surprises along the way, including the incredible

discovery of an almost complete scheme of mid-16th century paintings, concealed behind lath and plaster walls in one of the cottage bedrooms. They are some of the most significant paintings of their kind, not only in Yorkshire but also nationally. The paintings reflect the wealth and educated status of the Calverley family at the time.



The upper floor of the Solar Block, after repair and conversion.

## CALVERLEY OLD HALL AND THE COMMUNITY

Throughout its long history, Calverley Old Hall has had many different inhabitants and uses. Whether home to one family or to many, the building has been adapted over the years to embrace the needs of those who lived here. Now comes a new chapter of its story. As part of its renewal, Calverley Old Hall has been adapted to include a new hireable community space and garden, in order to make this important local building a thriving part of the community once again. Visit our website or scan the QR code to find out more and to book.



## An expert team

Expert craftspeople including skilled stone masons, lime plasterers and joiners were brought in to work on the project. They worked hard to save and re-use as much of the historic fabric of the building as possible, using traditional building techniques to make repairs where required.



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